

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION
Rural Services Committee Meeting**

**LOCATION
Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference**

**Meeting Date
February 12, 2013
1:30 p.m.**

Attendees:

Anna Attla – Chair
Laurie Cooper
Pam Curns
Taylor Gregg
Lisa Balivet
Steve Williams

Staff:

Teresa Holt

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CALL TO ORDER – 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

There was not a quorum for this meeting.

Reading of the Council Mission

Taylor Gregg read the Council mission: Creating change that improves the lives of people with disabilities.

Welcome from the Chair

Announcements and Good News

Teresa Holt shared the news that House Bill 88, the respectful language bill, passed the House, and the Senate companion bill was heard and they are expecting it to go to the full floor for a vote. The Council will send an alert once it's ready to go to the Senate floor asking members to contact their senators and ask them to vote for the bill.

Anna Attla shared the news that she has been asked to serve on the FSAD National Committee.

Review Technology Survey

Overview of the Results

Teresa Holt led the committee through the slide show of the results of the technology use and barriers provider survey. There were 35 agencies that responded, agencies serving between 18 and 5,000 individuals representing 23 communities.

Discussion about what the Committee wants to do with Survey Information

The committee members discussed the variety of barriers related to the survey from equipment costs, technical issues and access to IT, education, and billing. The committee members put forward ideas for areas of training

and began listing potential partners. Laurie Cooper described provider agencies that are using technology successfully as the best practices agencies, and explained how those agencies realize not only efficiency, but cost savings and improved services.

Teresa Holt will compile the list of ideas gathered at this meeting and e-mail it to the entire committee asking for feedback and other thoughts on how the committee can use the survey information.

Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Rural Services Committee is scheduled for April 9th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.